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Subject: Sanitization of Middle East Photography
To: Commander, Naval Operations
Commanding Officer, Fleet Air Photo Center, Eastern Atlantic and
Mediterranean

Subj: Sanitization of Middle East Photography

Ref: (a) OPNAVSETAINST 003821.1 of 11 Apr 1957
(b) CNO ltr ser NT-000173-5 of 1 May 1957

1. Reference (b) is hereby cancelled.
2. The Utilization Advisory Board has liberalized procedures with respect to sanitizing TALENT photography of certain areas, such as the Middle East, not falling within the USSR or its satellites. The essential security objectives of sanitization procedures are to prevent identification of the source of the photography or its capabilities, particularly with respect to altitude, and to prevent reconstruction of the source's track from use of sanitized prints.
3. The following will pertain:
 - a. Concerning the material to be sanitized, there are no restrictions as to type of installation or area in contrast with the former restriction to airfields and certain amphibious landing areas.
 - b. Classification of material released from the TALENT System by proper sanitization will be SECRET/NOFORN with the exception noted in paragraph 4c. The former requirement for "Continued Control" is eliminated. Reproduced material will not mention TALENT or C-123 or make any other reference to source.
 - c. Obliques, verticals, and uncontrolled mosaics made from selected and properly cropped prints may be sanitized. Positive transparencies may be sanitized similarly.
 - d. Scale must be changed by enlargement, the new scale being specified on the reproduced material. Vertical photographs will be enlarged to a scale within the range from 1:10,000 to 1:20,000 in the case of 42 materials, 1:10,000 to 1:18,000 in the case of 5 materials. The declared intent of such scale alteration is to prevent disclosure or determination of altitude, focal length, or original scale.

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e. Date of photography may be indicated only by month and year.

f. Fiducial markings must be disclosed.

g. Format of individual prints and slides shall be 3 1/2" x 9" with annotations as customary.

4. At the request of the AAF, at any time, the following are approved:

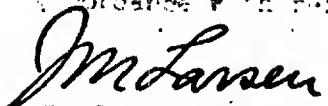
"Emergency packages may be disseminated to subordinate commands. A receipt required and transmitter materials may be downgraded to SECRET when an emergency is declared by authority as noted in the TALENT Control Manual."

While this is believed to be of limited application in combat, it is desired that material be used at the same classified level as the AAF that these SECRET when an emergency is declared; an arrangement as set forth in reference 1. If an emergency is declared by a numbered fleet wing, the material then can be removed from the same classified level. As for SECRET, the provision of

5. One copy of each sanitized photograph must be forwarded the TALENT Control Off

ice for Navy purposes, it may be amphibious operations if it is at a certain level. It was the intent that these packages will be used before an apparent advantage over the previous under which an emergency can be declared by higher authority and packaged TALENT Control System but maintained. Carrier pilots are normally cleared that material is of questionable value.

6. Sanitizing TALENT photography must be in accordance with reference (a).



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